

Come Sail Away

By Ed Simpson - Photos by Sheryl Puckett & Mike Lee

On any given weekend during the season, one can look over Scenic and Idlewild Bays and see gleaming white sails of some of the over 250 sailboats that call Bayview their home. Part of the fun of sailing is fostered by the **Lake Pend Oreille Yacht Club**, headquartered primarily at the local MacDonald's Hudson Bay and Bitter End Marinas. The club was founded in the mid 70's by sailors from Sandpoint and Bayview, with the "south end" of the lake becoming home to the club in the 80's.



Commodore Gabe Mills relates that, "We have about 50 families who are currently active in the club, either racing on Sundays or Wednesday evenings, or who like to cruise and take part in social activities. Several of our members live in Bayview, while others commute from Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and surrounding areas. We feel that we are a part of this community, sharing the beauty and contributing to the local economy. Sailing activities revolve around racing and cruising as we have sailboats ranging in size from about 20 feet to 36 feet that are all designs, some built for racing, some built more for cruising and all styles in between."

Rear Commodore for Racing, Paul Franz, makes a point that, "The club races sailboats primarily on Sundays during the season, usually from early May through early October. Wednesday race evenings are followed by a BBQ to allow our members some time to relax and socialize after."

Franz adds that, "There are three fleets with boats ranging from racers in the Red fleet, Racer-cruising boats in the Blue, to the White fleet with boats that are mostly designed for cruising. The club compensates for the various sizes and designs by using a handicap scoring system that allows slower boats to compete on a time basis with the faster boats. Normal races start at MacDonald's and the boats sail a course that may have them round one or more buoys, depending on the wind and weather conditions. Sometimes different fleets race around different courses, with the faster Red and Blue fleet boats taking the longer course."

Depending on the weekend, there can be as few as 7 or 8 boats or up to 16 or 17 boats. Wednesday night racing is a little more laid back, with the idea of giving newer boat owners and crews a chance to experience what it is like to race, but without the pressure of

CONT. Sunday racing.

Franz says, "We sail a course that includes the no wake buoys in the bay, usually doing two laps." The club follows the US Boat's rules for sailing, with modifications for local conditions. Any changes are noted at Skipper's meetings, held before each race.

Vice Commodore Jon Totten, formerly a sailing instructor at NIC adds that, "If you have a sailboat and join the club, you can come out and sail with us." He adds, "We also get members who don't have a boat and just 'sign on' to crew for members with boats. That is a great advantage as you can learn about sailing and how to handle a boat, then decide if you want to possibly purchase one to either race or cruise. We also have a number of folks who go cruising."



Jess Troyer, Rear Commodore for Cruising, added that, "Cruising is a big part of the club, with activities like an organized overnight cruise to Hope or up to Whisky Rock, and several fun cruises like a boat relay race or just heading down to Buttonhook for the weekend."

There is even a 'Full Moon' night cruise on the calendar later this summer." Jess noted that, "Many of our members just like to go out and sail, then participate in social events like potlucks and informal get togethers at MacDonald's or Bitter End Clubhouse. Several members joined as a result of coming out with members on their boats and learning how much fun sailing can be."



We have only cancelled one race due to a thunderstorm in the 9 years that I have been sailing on the lake. But we postponed quite a few last year, mainly because of the state shutting down for Covid.

Racing is fun especially with trophies at the end of the season. Details about the club, racing and cruising schedules, and membership are on the website (www.lpoyc.org). If you are interested, you can contact any board member and they will be happy to help. Board members are listed on the club site.

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New Sewer Ordinance

There's a legacy of unfairness that the current Bayview Water & Sewer board is struggling to rectify. It was discussed at the June 17 BWS meeting that a public hearing on a **proposed new sewer ordinance** will occur soon. From my research, it's long overdue.

"We need to make sure if you're using the service, everyone is paying the same. We're trying to make it right," says board member, Colleen Dahlseid.

One change in the new ordinance has to do with pumping your sewer tank. There will be a limit to the number of times you can have a free pump out. The new rule is once yearly for commercial accounts and one time every five years for residential accounts. More than that and you'll have to pay for the pump out.

Another change is to Guest houses. Going forward, if you plan to convert your old shed into a guest house or rental you will need to have an ER in addition to your primary residence. This applies to shops too. If you're building a new shop, no toilet is allowed unless you have an additional ER.

There's also a new Right to Access ordinance. You will have to provide BWS access to your property. They have a right to audit the use of their system. Also, in the future there could be the potential for BWS to purchase back unused ERs at the original price you purchased them, approx. \$600 to \$800.

Unauthorized hook ups have occurred and now there's enforcement policies in place to address them. If you violate a sewer ordinance BWS has a right to turn off your water. The new sewer ordinance is complex. This article can in no way address all of them.

New Sheriff In Town

For a year now, Kootenai County Sheriff Deputy, John Fontaine, has been covering the Bayview, Athol, Twin Lakes, and parts of Spirit Lake areas. "Pretty much everything north of HWY 53," says the Deputy.

Deputy Fontaine is from Duluth, Minnesota. Previously he was a police officer in Wisconsin for four years. He lives in CDA.

"I chose law enforcement as a career because in a way it is similar to the Military. Prior I was in the Army. I spent time overseas conducting combat operations and once I left the army, I still felt I owed this country."

Besides being a genuinely a nice guy, Deputy Fontaine is 6'5 and approachable. Word has it his nickname around the sheriff's office is Clark Kent. Bayview can rest easy knowing we have our very own Superman on duty.

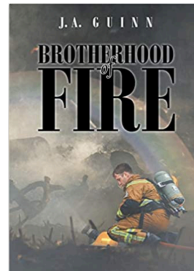
Heads Up: Bayview resident, Robert Simpson, wants to alert Farragut Park walkers that there's a coyote den located near the area of the sewer ponds. If you are dog walking in this area, please be aware.



Brotherhood of Fire *part Press Release & part Sheryl Puckett*

What happens when a small town is faced with big town issues? Change isn't easy, especially if it comes with a big bill and loss of life.

"This is the setting for the new book, **Brotherhood of Fire** by Athol resident **Jon Guinn**. Guinn is a retired United States Air Force lieutenant colonel and Vietnam veteran. After arriving in North Idaho in 1999 he felt a need to serve his community and volunteered at his local fire district where he enlisted as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with **Timberlake Fire District** serving until 2010. He also served as a Timberlake fire commissioner for four of those years."



"His first book, **Brotherhood of Fire**, is a work of fiction with the backdrop being North Idaho. The tale Jon weaves is an action-packed story of love, loss and faith." The main character, Fire Chief Jason Keeting, leaves his past life behind after a devastating loss and lands a new job in a small rural town much like Athol. The chief wants to initiate new ideas in the fire district but some of his changes are met with apprehension.

"Malfunctioning equipment and insufficient funds to conduct the repairs started resulting in loss of buildings and loss of life. However, the recent incidents kept dredging up those old memories. The fire chief was working hard trying to provide a service to his community but felt he was failing and didn't understand why. That is, not until a small group of local citizens contacted the state attorney-general who sent, with Chief Keeting's approval an undercover firefighter to try to resolve the problems did Chief Keeting start feeling he was getting his head above water."

It took about eight years for Guinn to write the book. There's no shortage of drama in this tale and if you've ever wondered what goes on behind closed doors when government isn't serving the people, this is a must read. For example, there's a murder, arson and all matter of mischief playing out. I don't want to give too much away.

"His book can be purchased at traditional brick and mortar bookstores or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes or Barnes and Noble. Jon also sells his book and will personally autograph it."

"And yes, you can expect two sequels: **Death Stalks the Fire Line** and **A Brother Down**."

Bayview's Postmistress

Our wonderful, adorable, Courtney Wallace is expecting her second child mid October. It's another boy. Courtney will take a 12 week maternity leave. Congratulations!

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